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Double Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred at 16th Way Southwest and Matt Leonard Drive.

The victim has been identified as Franklin Harris, (49), b/m of Birmingham, Alabama.

The victim has been identified as Yasmine Wright, (16), b/f of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. officers responded to a call of a person shot at the location. Responding officers discovered an adult male, Franklin Harris laying unresponsive in the middle of the road next to a motorcycle. Harris suffered from an apparent gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased on scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue. Officers and detectives were also alerted of another gunshot victim, sixteen year old Yasmine Wright was transported by personal vehicle to Birmingham Fire Station 25 located at 3015 Wilson Road. Birmingham Fire and Rescue transported the victim to UAB Hospital where she succumb to her injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggest the Ed Franklin Harris turned onto 16th Way Sw, got off the motorcycle and laid it down in the roadway. The suspects vehicle the drove onto a grassy area at the intersection. The suspect(s) reportedly exited the vehicle and fired shots fatally wounding Harris. The 16 year old victim, Yasmine Wright was the

passenger of a vehicle passing in the area when she was struck by gunfire. The suspect(s) fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction. The suspect(s) is at large.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 6th and 7th murder investigation of 2022.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

****The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed****

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